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Governor Inslee:

After much prayer and discussion with my family, I have made the decision to step down from my Senate seat effective September 30th, 2019. This decision was not taken lightly; however, I believe now is the best time to make this move. I have been giving this decision a lot of thought for the past 3-4 months. Spending quality time with my family and church has been difficult at best, and unworkable at other times. There are significant projects and ventures in which my husband and I want to be involved while we are still reasonably healthy and mobile.

I leave with a great sense of accomplishment of some significant issues which were passed into law, and which have made life for our citizens more efficient and meaningful. Specifically, making higher education more affordable in our public institutions, better support for our veterans and their dependents, improved health care for our aging population, and as Chair of the Select Committee for Pension Policy, ensuring long-term sustainability at a time when other pension systems around the country were in crisis. Our pension system now ranks among the most stable in the nation.

I plan to stay engaged with those programs affecting the well-being of our senior citizens to ensure they have improved access and resources for their care and dignity. It has been my honor to have served the state of Washington, and specifically the citizens of the 10th District. I will always be available for consultation and continued service when and where needed.

Respectfully,

Barbara Bailey
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